

## Message Text

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ACTION SY-05

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O R 082130Z MAR 77  
FM AMEMBASSY LA PAZ  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4399  
INFO AMEMBASSY ASUNCION  
AMEMBASSY PANAMA

C O N F I D E N T I A L LA PAZ 1754

DEPT FOR OPR/ST AND A/SY; PANAMA FOR RSS AND RTC; ASUNCION FOR RSO

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ASEC, ASUP, BL  
SUBJ: COM ARMOR VEHICLE

REF: A. STATE 42368, B. ASUNCION 915, C. OPR/ST AUTH NO S9002-17

1. THE EMBASSY RECEIVED REF DEPTTEL WITH GREAT MISGIVINGS RELATING TO OUR ABILITY TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL AND COMPLETE SECURITY COVERAGE FOR THE CHIEF OF MISSION.

2. IT WOULD BE NAIVE TO BELIEVE THAT LA PAZ HAS THE SAME LEVEL OF THREAT AS EXISTS AT POSTS SUCH AS BEIRUT AND BUENOS AIRES. NEVERTHELESS, WE FEEL THAT AT THIS POST THERE REMAINS SUFFICIENT THREAT AGAINST THE CHIEF OF MISSION TO WARRANT FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THE DEPARTMENT'S DECISION TO DISCONTINUE ASSIGNMENT OF A FULLY ARMORED VEHICLE FOR COM USE.

3. POST HAS JUST RECIEVED OPR/ST'S AUTHORIZATION NO S9002-17 DATED FEBRUARY 28, 1977 TO SELL AMBASSADOR'S FULLY-ARMORED CAR, 1971 CHEVROLET IMPALA SEDAN, SERIAL NO 164691C183160. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES CITED ABOVE, WE PROPOSE DISPOSAL OF VEHICLE BE HELD OFF UNTIL MATTER DISCUSSED FULLY WITH RSO WHO IS SCHEDULED VISIT LA PAZ MARCH 14 THROUGH 20. RSO WILL OVERLAP WITH VISIT OF TEAM FROM  
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RTC. WE WILL ASK RSO TO EXAMINE NEED FOR THE VEHICLE AND PROVIDE DEPT WITH APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATION. PLEASE ADVISE.  
STEDMAN

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